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SUMMARY: IN JUNE 12 INDEPENDENCE DAYSPEECH, PRESIDENT MARCOS STATED RELATIONS WITH ALL OTHER ALLIES (TAIWAN EXCEPTED) WOULD REMAIN THE SAME DESPITE NOMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH PRC. HE CHARACTERIZED US AS GOOD FRIEND AND FIRM ALLY AND WARNED THAT RENEGOTIATION OF US-GOP SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS EFFORT TO DIMINISH "HISTORIC RELATIONSHIP" WITH US. SIMILARLY GOP DID NOT INTEND DEVELOP RELATIONSHIP WITH PRC AT EXPENSE OF ASEAN ALLIES. MARCOS SAID PRC LEADERSHIP RECOGNIZED PHILLIPPINES' RIGHT MAINTAIN ITS OWN IDENTITY AND SOCIAL SYSTEM THEREBY ENABLING IT TO CONTRIBUTE TO PREVENTION OF POWER VACUUM
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IN WESTERN PACIFIC WHICH MIGHT ATTRACT "HEGEMONISM OR

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DOMINATION BY ANY SINGLE POWER." PRESIDENT STRESSED
PHILIPPINES WOULD REMAIN OPEN SOCIETY WITH FREE ENTERPRISE
ECONOMY AND WAS NOT BECOMING COMMUNIST. HE MAINTAINED
PRC UNDERSTOOD GOP COMMITMENT TO LIQUIDATE ALL INTERNAL
SUBVERSION. MARCOS SPEECH SEEMED DESIGNED REASSURE
DOMESTIC AUDIENCE (PRIMARILY MILITARY, CHURCH AND BIG
BUSINESS) WHO APPREHENSIVE NORMALIZATION WITH PRC MIGHT MEAN
CHANGES IN FILIPINO SOCIETY. IT ALSO SEEMS INTENDED ALLAY
ANY ANXIETY GOP'S TRADITIONAL ALLIES (US IN PARTICULAR)
FEEL ABOUT NORMALIZATION. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESIDENT MARCOS MADE 40 MINUTE SPEECH (HALF ENGLISH
AND HALF TAGALOG) AT INDPENDENCE DAY CEREMONIES IN MANILA
AFTERNOON JUNE 12TH. SPEECH, WHICH WAS DEVOTED PRIMARILY
TO DISCUSSION OF HIS TRIP TO CHINA (JUNE 7--JUNE 11), ASSURED
HIS FELLOW FILIPINOS TIES WITH CHINA MEANT NO FUNDAMENTAL
CHANGES IN PHILIPPINE SOCIETY. MARCOS SAID CHINESE LEADERS
APPRECIATED GOP'S CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO LIQUIDATE
DOMESTIC SUBVERSION AND RECOGNIZED PHILIPPINES RIGHT MAIN-
TAIN ITS OWN IDENTITY AND TRADITIONS. MARCOS SAID PRC UNDER-
STOOD FILIPINO CHARACTER WOULD ENABLE GOP CONTRIBUTE TO
AVOIDANCE OF POWER VACUMM IN WESTERN PACIFIC WHICH MIGHT
ATTRACT "HEGEMONISM" OR SINGLE POWER DOMINATION.

2. MARCOS SAID QUESTION HAD BEEN ASKED, "ARE WE GOING TO
TURN COMMUNIST?" HE SAID ANSWER WAS NO. NOR DID HIS STATE-
MENT ON NEED FOR POSSIBLE REVISION OF ANTI-SUBVERSION ACT
MEAN GOP WOULD TOLERATE SUBVERSION. ANY SUCH ATTEMPT WILL
BE MET WITH FULL FORCE OF ARMED FORCES. PRESIDENT SAID
PHILIPPINES WOULD REMAIN "OPEN SOCIETY." ALLUDING TO
SUNDAY MASS CELEBRATED DURING PEKING VISIT, MARCOS SAID
FREEDOM OF WORSHIP WOULD ALSO REMAIN INVIOLATE. SAME WAS
TRUE OF THE ECONOMY. PHILIPPINES WOULD REMAIN FREE ENTER-
PRISE SOCIETY WHERE INDIVIDUALS COULD MAKE "JUST AND REASON-
ABLE PROFIT." MARCOS SAID JUNE 9 JOINT COMMUNIQUE MADE ALL
THIS CLEAR SINCE IT CLEARLY ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLE OF MUTUAL
NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF BOTH PARTIES.

3. PRESIDENT STATED FLATLY PRC NORMALIZATION MEANT NO
CHANGES IN GOP FOREIGN POLICY. EFFORT TOBROADEN RELATIONS
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WITH SOCIALIST STATES WOULD CONTINUE BUT THIS SHOULD NOT
AFFECT RELATIONS WITH OLD FRIENDS AND ALLIES. CITING RE-
EXAMINATION OF SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WITH US WHICH HE SAID
WAS DICTATED BY CIRCUMSTANCES, MARCOS STATED THAT "US RE-
MAINS GOOD FRIEND AND FIRM ALLY". HE WARNED THAT SECURITY
RENEGOTIATIONS SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS EFFORT TO
DIMINISH "HISTORIC RELATIONSHIP" WITH US. HE SAID GOP
WOULD ALSO NOT DEVELOP RELATIONSHIP WITH PRC AT EXPANSE

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OF ASEAN ALLIES. PRESIDENT HAD TAKEN SIMILAR TACK IN
BRIEF ARRIVAL STATEMENT JUNE 11 WHEN HE NOTED THAT IN
OPENING WINDOWS TO SOCIALIST WORLD "WE DO NOT CLOSE THOSE
WINDOWS THAT HAVE BEEN OPENED TO OUR ALLIES AND FRIENDS."

4. COMMENT: PRESIDENT'S SPEECH WAS OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED
ALLAY ANY APPREHENSION THAT NORMALIZATION WITH PRC WOULD
SOMEHOW THREATEN TRADITIONAL FILIPINO SOCIO-ECOMOMIC LIFE
AND ALSO TO GET ON RECORD FORECFULLY AS POSSIBLE FACT THAT PRC
ALLEGEDLY UNDERSTANDS INTERFERENCE IN FILIPINO DOMESTIC
AFFAIRS IS INTOLERABLE. REASSURANCES SEEM DIRECTED PRI-
MARILY AT MILITARY, BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND CHURCH. MARCOS' STATE-

MENT ON "HISTORIC RELATIONSHIP" WITH US SUGGESTS THAT
AFTER PEKING JOURNEY HE WANTS TIP SEE-SAW OUR WAY FOR A
WHILE AND MEDIA HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO TAKE UP THIS CUE.
JUNE 12 BULLETIN EDITORIAL NOTES "A LITTLE REPAIR WORK IS
IN ORDER TO RESTORE THE LOVE LOST BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES
AND THE UNITED STATES, BASED, OF COURSE, ON RESPECT FOR
EACH OTHER AND COOPERATION."

5. PRESIDENT'S PEECH CAME AFTER HE SPENT TWO SWELTERING
HOURS REVIEWING OLD FASHIONED FOURTH OF JULY STYLE PARADE.
ELITE MILITARY UNITS LED BY PHILIPPINE MILITARY ACADEMY
CADETS (WHOM TV ANNOUNCER UNABASHEDLY REFERRED TO AS LONG
GRAY LINE), MILITARY BANDS AND CARABAO DRAWING ARTILLERY
PIECES ALL TOOK PART. ONLY THING MISSING WERE SOUSA
MARCHES WHICH HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY SPRIGHTLY BUT BASICALLY
UNINSPIRED MARCH OF THE NEW SOCIETY WHICH HEARD REPEATEDLY
DOES NOT IMPROVE. PURNELL

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